

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

March 2009

NEWS

Nursing Donation Benefits Program

A recent donation by a Carson City couple is helping WNC's nursing program provide an excellent education to students. Locke and Betty Ray Lesch recently provided funds for new instructional DVDs and videos in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The DVDs will help teach leadership and management skills in the health care setting. Nursing faculty also obtained videos to teach students through simulation experiences. Thanks to the donation, the Allied Health Department has a very sophisticated simulation lab for our nursing students. The Lesches are generous donors who have provided WNC with high tech nursing education equipment in the past. In photo, left to right, Betty Rae and Locke Lesch; Dr. Judith Cordia, director of Nursing and Allied Health; and Dr. Carol Lucey, president of WNC.



<http://www.wnc.edu/academics/division/nalh/>

Latino Club Awards Two Scholarships



The Latino Student Club has awarded two scholarships with funds generated through their sale of homemade tamales and other fund-raisers. Arnulfo Garcia received his GED in January and wanted to take college classes, but could not afford the fees. He was awarded a scholarship that pays for a construction technology class. Garcia is the first member of his family to go to college, and his goal is to graduate and set a good example for his siblings. Remberto Ayala was awarded a scholarship to take computer classes and gain skills for a better job.

Photo: L-R: Garcia, Ayala and Club President Vannesa Maria.

<http://www.wnc.edu/clubs/latino/>

KUDOS: Student Calls WNC Online Program One of the Best

Adjunct instructor Marie Gibson is getting some very positive feedback about WNC online classes. Gibson said she has heard from several students about how pleased they are with Western's online classes and degrees. She received permission from one student to share her story of having a husband with a military career that takes her all over the globe, but is not a deterrent to earning an accounting degree online.

The student wrote: "My husband was stationed in Fallon and that is when I decided to go back to college so I could make a career for myself. We were there for two years when we transferred to Japan. Next stop was Lemoore, Calif., in the middle of cotton fields and dairy farms!

"Right now I live in Oregon. You would be surprised that WNC offers some of the best classes online. I have taken all of my classes this way. Because they offer complete degree programs, I am almost finished. I only need an accounting elective. I have lived abroad and in three states so far, and most of the time, like now, I live way out of town." The student said that Western's online classes made earning her degree possible, despite her many moves.

<http://www.wnc.edu/online/>

Need \$\$\$ for College? Get Help Applying for Financial Aid

Western Nevada College is hosting workshops in Carson City and Fallon to help students fill out their FAFSA form, apply for WNC scholarships, and have their financial aid questions answered. Fallon workshops will be Monday, March 23, noon to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. in Sage Hall, room 101. The Carson City workshop will be Thursday, March 26, 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Cedar Building, room 331B.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-03-13a.php>

Registration to Begin for WNC Summer and Fall Classes

The month of April has several important dates for Western students, including a Wednesday, April 1 deadline for fall semester scholarship applications to be turned in to the Financial Assistance Office. Registration for summer classes via Internet begins Monday, April 6, and registration for fall classes begins Monday, April 20, for continuing students. New students may begin signing up on Monday, April 27. <http://www.wnc.edu/academics/schedule/>

COLLEGE CORNER

Traffic Accident Takes Western Student

WNC lost a member of its family as student Ryan O'Shea was killed in an automobile accident in Silver Springs at the end of January. Mr. O'Shea was from Ohio and engaged to a Nevada woman. He was taking courses at Western in visual communications. Western extends its condolences to his family in Ohio and friends here in Nevada.



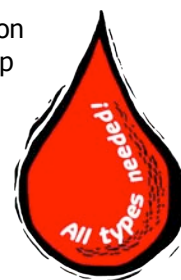
Nursing Students Hold Bake Sale

Nursing students got a jump on St. Patrick's Day with a green-themed bake sale on Thursday, March 5. The students had all bases covered, with homemade and packaged baked goods, and selections from the healthier level of the food pyramid, including trail mix and low fat items.

Nursing students are some of the most active groups on campus with many types of fund-raisers for good causes.

Donate Blood, Win a Laptop?

WNC second year nursing students are hosting a blood drive on Saturday, March 28, in Carson City, Gardnerville and Dayton, and each donor gets a raffle ticket for a chance to win a laptop computer donated by Harley Davidson Financial Services. There will be other donated prizes as well, including an Ogio gear bag donated by Michael's Cycle Works, a Sonicare toothbrush donated by Dayton Valley Dental, and two haircuts values at \$35 donated by Liaison Salon and Day Spa in Carson City. Nursing student Ciera Staggs said the drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carson City Wal-Mart near College Parkway, the Gardnerville East Fork Fire Station #7 in the Gardnerville Ranchos, and Smith's Grocery in Dayton. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-03-13b.php>



Mark Calendars for Employee Recognition Day

This year's Employee Recognition Ceremony will feature sun and fun on Friday, April 17, with the ceremony in Marlette Hall at 11 a.m. and then a chance to cheer on the Wildcats baseball team as they take on College of Southern Idaho at John L. Harvey Field. Lunch will be served at the field.

"Coffee With Carol" to Feature Political Science Program

President Carol Lucey will host community stakeholders in a continental breakfast and faculty lecture on Friday, March 27, 7:30 a.m., at the Douglas Campus. The one-hour program will feature Political Science Professor Robert Morin speaking on "Crime and Politics." Sponsored by the WNC Foundation, the monthly events showcase WNC programs and faculty members.

Child Development Center has Openings

The Child Development Center has openings for infants up to 12 months and pre-schoolers from 3 to 6 years old. Those who are interested should contact Director Andrea Doran at 445-4265.

ARTS

Fallon Campus Showcases Student Art

Student painting, ceramics and photography will all be on display this spring at Fallon's Virgil Getto Hall Gallery. Beginning March 30, individual student works will be featured on a weekly basis. They include:

March 30-April 3: Paintings by Megan Crossland

April 6-10: Paintings by Monica Fairbanks

April 13-17: Ceramics by Hazel Halbert

April 20-24: Paintings by Melanie Black

April 26-May 1 Derrick Morrin

The gallery is open during normal business/classroom hours. Admission is free.

Multicultural Festival Cancelled

Due to reductions of resources and available staff, Western's annual Multicultural Festival, usually held in the spring, has been cancelled for this year.

ATHLETICS

Wildcats Baseball Grabs First Place in SWAC

Western Nevada College's baseball team is on top of the Scenic West Athletic Conference after splitting a four game series with cross-state rival College of Southern Nevada last weekend. The Wildcats will be at home for five straight weekends, March 27 through April 25, playing doubleheaders Friday and Saturday at John L. Harvey Field with doubleheaders starting at noon. Admission is free with a WNC ID card. <http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/>



Wildcats Softball Ready to Play at Home

A thin pitching staff and team injuries made things tough for WNC's softball team last weekend at the College of Southern Idaho. Western dropped four games against a nationally ranked team, but has a bye this weekend to prepare for a home stand next weekend against No. 20 Salt Lake Community College. Cheer the Wildcats on March 20-21 and March 27-28 at Centennial Park in Carson City. Doubleheaders begin at 1 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday. Admission is free with a WNC ID card.

<http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/softball/>

HOLD THE DATE

Tuesday-Friday, March 31-April 3

NSHE Board of Regents Meeting

WNC Carson City – Sarah Winnemucca Hall, Aspen Building; Marlette Hall, Cedar Building

Wednesday, April 15 – 7-9 pm.

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

WNC Carson City – Sarah Winnemucca Hall, Aspen Building

Thursday, April 23

Scenic & Wild Environmental Film Festival

Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Marlette Hall, Cedar Building, WNC Carson City

Friday-Sunday, May 8-10 & 15-17

Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on stage

Friday, Saturday - 7:30 p.m., Sunday - 2 p.m. Carson City Community Center

Tickets: 445-4249